ATGWU ELECTION
VOTE JIMMY KELLY

The Celtic Tiger is becoming a sick joke for many workers. Our productivity made the boom -- but others are getting the rewards.

Shares on the Dublin Stock Exchange, for example, rose by £1billion on the morning after Charlie McCreevy's budget cut the taxes of the rich. Meanwhile workers are being pegged to tiny pay rises.

It is time that the trade unions set out to change this. The election for the General Executive Council in the ATGWU gives a good opportunity to start.

Jimmy Kelly, the chief shop steward of Waterford Crystal, is backed by 26 branches of the union. He wants to see the ATGWU become a strong, fighting organisation.

Among his polices are:

* **Opposition to Partnership 2,000**. Where workers are prepared to take on the wage limits, they should get the official backing of the union.

Instead of just talking about what's wrong, it is time to do something about it.

***A Minimum wage of £5 an hour**. Mary Harney is not going to deliver it to us. The ATGWU should be to the fore in pressing for a national stoppage of the whole trade union movement to win this issue.

* **Launch a major recruitment campaign**. There are too many workers like those in Seagate who are defenceless against multi-nationals. The ATGWU should appoint a number of young workers as recruitment officers. We should organise information stands outside these workplaces and guarantee workers the full backing of the national union to help win recognition.

***Oppose the Industrial Relations Act**. The union should support any groups of workers who defy this anti-union law that was borrowed from Thatcher's Britain.

***Support the Liverpool dockers**. Jimmy Kelly endorses their demand for official union support.

* **More resources**: Ireland (Region 3) must be given the resources needed to service the membership properly and to maintain a Research Department.

Jimmy Kelly is known throughout the trade union movement. His workplace, Waterford Crystal, has always given good solidarity to workers in struggle. He has helped to lead campaigns against the PAYE tax burden on workers and against the water charges.

Jimmy is an active socialist, a member of the Socialist Workers Party. He thinks that politics is too important to be left to parties who are funded by big business.

If you agree with these points and want to help out in the campaign, you can get in touch with Jimmy Kelly on (051)895856 or (01) 6237585

If you can help in the campaign fill out this slip and return to: Jimmy Kelly C/O ATGWU Hall, Keyser St. Waterford.

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